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Ca. 1882

Rocky Hill Church

Woodsboro, Maryland

Private

The Rocky Hill Church is a frame hall plan church with an open shingle belfry. It is the second church building of the Lutheran congregation, which was founded in the 1760's. The 1760 log church on the site was shared with the Reformed congregation, which moved to its own church in 1874. The cemetery contains graves from the late 1700's to the present.

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Lutheran Church, Rocky Hill

Woodsboro

Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:
Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930 A.D.

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning
Religion

Resource Type:
Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:
Religion/religious structure/church

Known Design Source: None

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Magi No.

DOE yes x no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rocky Hill

and/or common Grace Lutheran Church, Rocky Hill; Rocky Hill Church (preferred)

2. Location

street & number 11400 block Coppermine Road not for publication

city, town Woodsboro x vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> x</u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture
<u> x</u> building(s)	<u> x</u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> x</u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial
	<u> x</u> not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military
			<u> </u> museum
			<u> </u> park
			<u> </u> private residence
			<u> x</u> religious
			<u> </u> scientific
			<u> </u> transportation
			<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio

city, town Frederick state MD. 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent

☒ good

☐ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered

☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 1

(Typed on separate sheet)

8. Significance

Survey No. F-8-88

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1882 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒A ☐B ☒C ☐D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐A ☐B ☐C ☐D ☐E ☐F ☐G

Level of Significance: ☐national ☐state ☒local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-8-88

Bond, Isaac, Map of Frederick County, 1858.

Titus, C.O., Atlas of Frederick County, 1873.

Williams, T.J.C., History of Frederick County, Maryland, Regional Publishing Co.,
Baltimore, 1979 reprint of 1910 edition.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Woodsboro, Md. quad.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Tax Map 42, Parcel marked "Rocky Hill Church"

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date May, 1991

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city or town Frederick state Md. 21701

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7.1 Description

Grace Lutheran Church, Rocky Hill, is a hall-type frame church with an open belfry tower built in 1882 on the southwest side of Coppermine Road about 2 miles east of Woodsboro, Maryland. The church has been covered with vinyl siding in recent years and several frame and concrete block structures are located south and southwest of the church. These include open pavilions, sheds, booths and a revival stage built in 1982; all the structures are used for church recreational activities. A cemetery is laid out southeast of the church.

The church has a stone and concrete block foundation which includes two dated stones. One in marble at the northwest corner reads "St. Peters, built 1771". The other is at the northeast corner and is inscribed "Evangel ... (illegible) Church 1882" in a brownstone block. The main entrance is through 5 panel double doors at the base of the belfry tower. The transom is a Gothic arch with stained glass infill. The side elevations have four window bays with Gothic arched stained glass windows. A brick chimney rises at the northeast corner of the building. The gable roof is covered in pressed metal. The open belfry is shingled. At the southwest or rear elevation of the church are a series of gable-roofed, one story additions clustered around the gable end of the church. All but one of these additions appear to be built within the past 20 years.

The cemetery is extensive and contains graves from the last quarter of the 18th century to the present time.

8.1 Significance

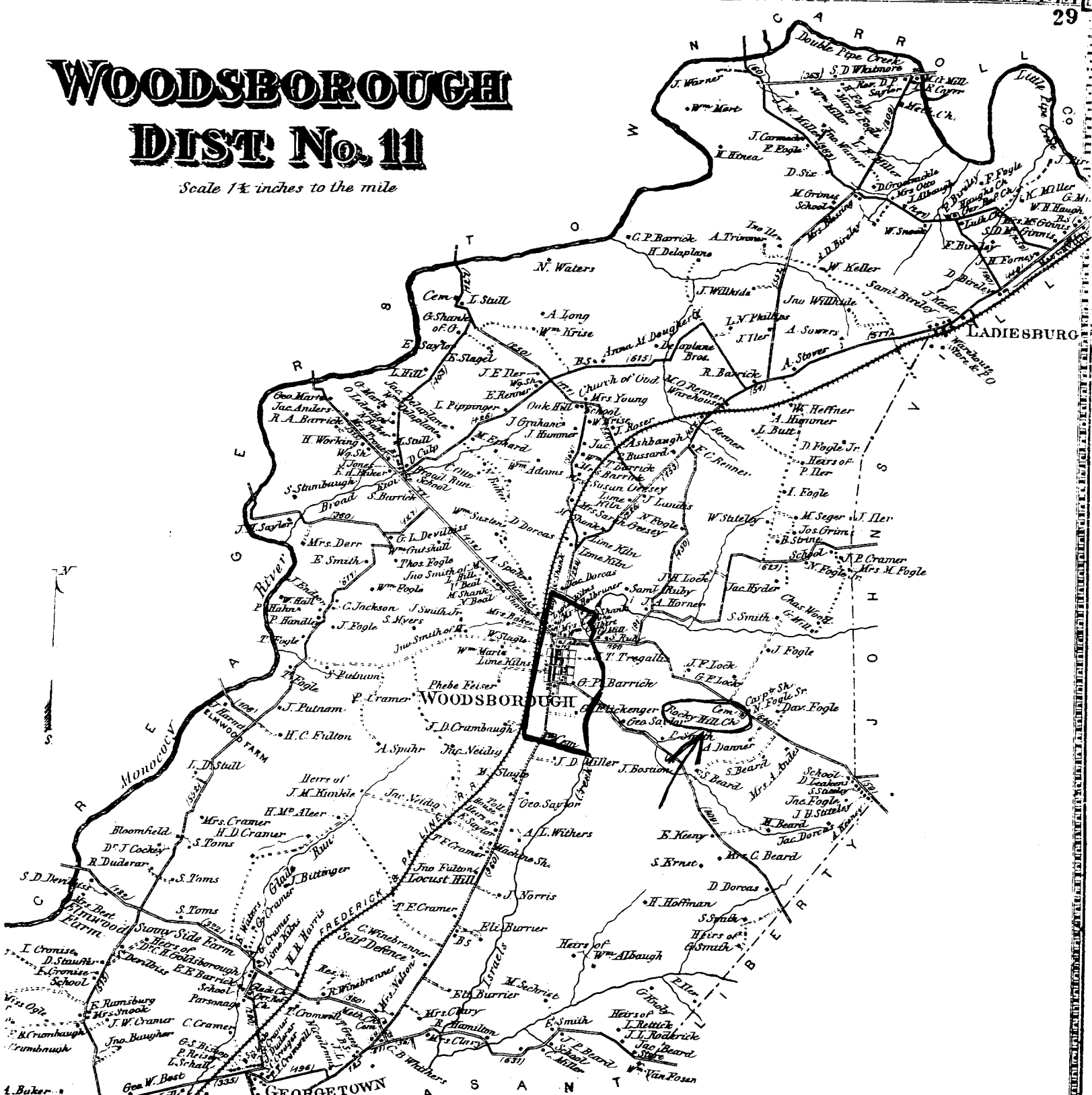
Grace Lutheran Church, Rocky Hill, is the second church building of the Lutheran congregation formed about 1768 which, with a Reformed congregation in the same area, built a log church near the site of the present church. The sharing of worship facilities was common in Lutheran and Reformed churches in the early days of settlement. Rocky Hill Church was jointly used until 1874, when the Reformed congregation sold its interest to the Lutherans and built another church in Centerville. The Lutherans demolished the old church and erected the present structure. Architecturally, the church is a typical vernacular religious building of its time, the form of which recent additions and vinyl cladding have not obscured.

The Rocky Hill Church is architecturally comparable to Lutheran and other churches found throughout Frederick County in its general form of a hall plan with a bell tower. Some more elaborate churches were brick, such as Mt. Zion Lutheran Church north of Woodsboro. The form is the simplest and most economical and was thus common among small religious groups of many denominations. Further research needs to be done on the history of the Lutheran church congregations in Frederick County to establish a context for the religion theme. The connection of the name "St. Peters" with the two early groups which built the first church on the site should be clarified.

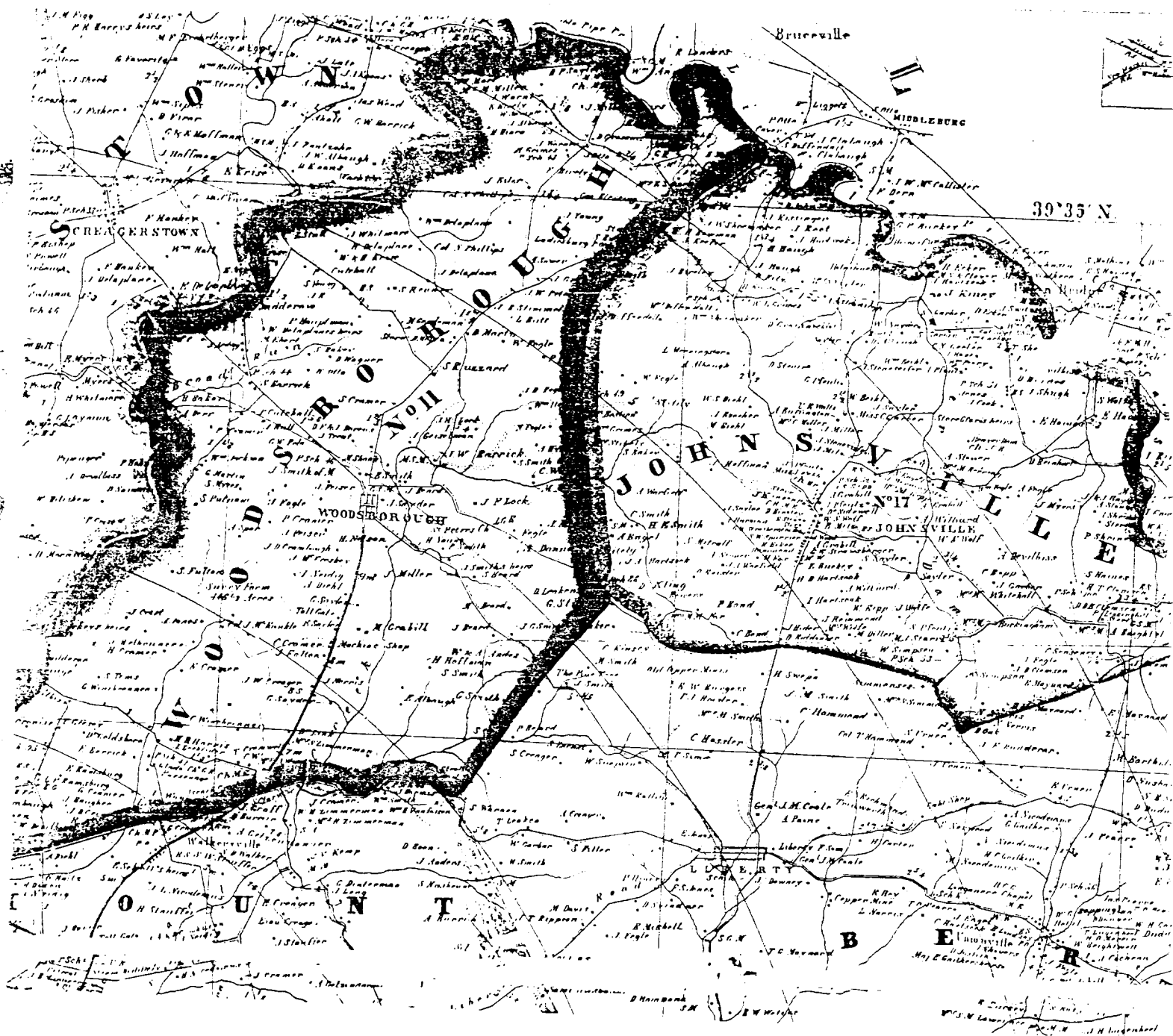
WOODSBOROUGH

DIST No. 11

Scale 1 1/2 inches to the mile



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C.O. Titus, Atlas of Frederick County 1873.



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Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rocky Hill
Frederick County
USGS Woodsboro, MD. quadrangle
1:24000

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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

1 MILE



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Northeast elevation

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Southwest elevation

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